**GEO-XIII Plenary Objectives and preliminary Agenda**

1. **GEO-XIII plenary objectives**
2. To report and reflect upon implementation of actions and commitments expressed in both the “GEO Strategic Plan 2016-2025: Implementing GEOSS” and the Mexico City Ministerial Declaration, specifically items # 6-12 (see attached).
3. To inform and engage Plenary delegations by showcasing GEO Flagships, Initiatives and Foundational Tasks as GEO success stories, and inviting additional contributions (*in kind* and/or in cash) from GEO Members and Participating Organizations to ensure continued and identifiable progress in, and achievement of, these actions, as well as to identify common challenges, trends and/or gaps faced by the community in delivering information to decision-makers.

1. To strengthen engagement of GEO Members and Participating Organizations with a focus on NGOs, Foundations, Development Banks, UN Organizations and with the commercial sector by the adoption and implementation of GEO’s Engagement Strategy.
2. To discuss, provide input and approve the 2017-2019 Work Programme, thereby strengthening Member and Participating Organization understanding of, and commitment to, GEO activities.

*The agenda will be constructed in order to foster discussion and increase interactions.*

1. **GEO-XIII Plenary proposed agenda structure**

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| **9.00** | **10.30**  **11.00** | **14.00**  **12.30** | **15.30**  **16.00** | **17.30** |

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|  | AM 1 | AM 2 | PM 1 | PM 2 |
| DAY 1  9 Nov | Opening Session and Welcome Remarks;  Approval of Agenda;  Approval of Draft Report of GEO-XII;  Welcome of New Members;  Welcome of New POs | Advancing the vision of GEO  *(Three sessions, linked by a storyline)*   * *Introduction (setting the stage), GEO Co-chair* * *Panel session: Global Initiatives* * *Panel session: GEOSS Implementation* | | Commercial sector session  *(Agenda being defined by a dedicated Executive Committee subgroup))* |
| DAY 2  10 Nov | Programme Board   * + *Programme Board 2016 Report;*   + *SDGs analysis initial results*   Work Programme 2017-2019   * + *WP 2017-2019 Presentation*   + *General discussion*   + *Members and POs confirm contributions* | Budget Working Group   * + *2015 financial statements;*   + *2016 Report income/expenditure*   + *2017 proposed budget*   Pledges to the GEO Trust Fund  Work Programme 2017-2019 and budget 2017 Approval  2017-19 Programme Board Composition | Strengthening Members and PO’s engagement   * *Engagement Strategy: Presentation and endorsement* * *Engagement Priorities for 2017-19 discussion and endorsement* * *General discussion* | Rules of Procedure update.  Summary of actions  GEO-XIV |

**Remarks**

* Commercial sector guests will be invited to join starting from AM-2 session. They are also invited to the reception on 9 November and to attend side events on 7-8 November
* Members and PO will be requested to provide written statements two weeks in advance. Statements will be made available through interactive mechanisms.
* The discussion at the session “Advancing the vision of GEO” will be supported by a number of Plenary Reports/Fact sheets (for information), to provide additional background information to delegates to facilitate an active participation to the discussion.
* The session “Strengthening Members and PO’s engagement”, beyond its main objectives, would represent an opportunity for the Russian Federation host to present their GEO engagement.